

The Dead Horse DISPATCH

Randy's new bike!

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A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

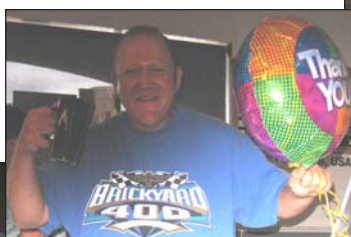
Summer Volunteer Recognition Dinner PARTY!

We had our Summer Volunteer Recognition dinner at Randalls, on July 29. We had a blast!! Randall made his delicious vegetarian lasagna and spicy meat lasagna. I would have to say he out did himself, it was the best I have had yet. Several people were recognized for their hours of work at DHRSP. Those who received jackets were: Bob Ackey for 3000 + hrs; Bill Lafleur 4477 hrs; Frank Larramore 3298 hrs; Rose Larramore 3341 hrs; Barbara Penny 3029 hrs; and Dave Penny 3340 hrs. Also, Nan Hephner will finally get her jacket as they had no funding at the March recognition dinner before she left for the season. Recipients for "Lifetime Passes" were: Maxine Bean at 6266 hrs, and Bill Turner for 8865 hrs. Other recipients who received various awards were: Arthur Enockson received a frame for having 271 hrs; Patricia Enockson received a ceramic pin for 239 hrs; George Gilbert received a mug for having 663 hrs; Pat Hawker received a ceramic pin for 200 hrs; Bob Mann received a mug for 957 hrs; Toni Mann received a mug for 784 hrs; Jake Pratt received a mug for 795 hrs; Jerry Waters received a ceramic pin for 144 hrs; John Hoopes (who was unable to attend) put in 108 hrs and will receive a ceramic pin, too. I would like to personally thank you "ALL" for your valued assistance volunteering here at DHRSP, your help makes Dead Horse Ranch to be the great park that it is.

submitted by Ranger Linda Hawk II



Rangers Linda Hawk & Eric Buzonas giving out awards to Dave & Barbara Penny, Jerry Waters, Jack Pratt, & Bill LaFleur.



Wheelchair Access Website



Volunteer Joan Gray responded to author Alex's (pictured above) commentary on visiting DHRSP. She wrote: You missed some additional features. The campgrounds have four raised tent platforms where you can set up a 12x12 tent and slide from the seat of your wheelchair to inside your tent. Those sites also have electrical access that has pavers around for W/C access. The ramadas have paved ramps and there is a nice path that connects the cabin area to the main campground area that is w/c friendly. There have been many Eagle Scout projects in the park that have helped with access. And, some camping sites have raised fire pits. There is a boat ramp that has w/c access when the river is flooding. (I've used it several times with my kayak!) OK, so I am a volunteer there and plant flowers and pull weeds. And I look for ways that access can be improved. It's a piece a heaven that I can enjoy every day before I go into work. The birds are ever changing. I think the view from the cabins is great, lots of shade and quiet.

Changes at DHRSP

Manager Tim Kristof

July 28th: Most of you may be aware that I will be temporarily transferred/assigned to Jerome State Historic Park starting next week. Max Castillo will be the new acting Park Manager here at Dead Horse. Justin Swiger will be leaving on August 14th or 15th to venture to (ironically) Lake Havasu City to attend his LE academy at WALETA (Western Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy). There may be other temporary movement of park staff depending upon park needs around the Verde Valley. I have no specific info at this time. They have announced there are Park Managers' positions at DHRSP and JSHP, with resumes due by August 9, interviews to begin ????. Newly appointed managers to be working at park ????. I will still be residing at the cabin until told otherwise. Thanks for everything, I will still be around now and then.

Former Manager Tim Kristof

NOTE: July 29th was Manager Mike Rollins last day at Jerome- He's newly hired as the Park Manager of Canyon de Chelly in AZ, working for the Navajo Parks & Recreation Dept. Justin will be coming back to DHRSP after completion of the academy. Ranger Eric



Note #1: We're Gonna Miss This Guy!!

Apparently former DHRSP Manager Les Bovee had some problems getting his internet installed at his new home in Dillingham, Alaska. He has asked everyone to please be patient with him if you don't receive a response right away.

Les stated, "The lingo is a little different here, as opposed to Arizona, but I'll get used to it in time." His newly hired technician Stanislov Sonovabeech gave him a list of Alaskan computer terms to avoid any additional confusion during the upcoming winter months!!

Alaskan Computer Terms

Log on: Make the wood stove hotter.

Log off: Don't add wood.

Download: Get the firewood off the truck.

Hard Drive: Getting home in the winter.

Screen: To keep mosquitoes out.

Screen Saver: Repair kit for window screen.

Byte: What mosquitoes do.

Bit: What the mosquitoes did.

Megabyte: What the BIG mosquitoes do.

Modem: What you did to the weeds.

Mouse: What kitty eats.

Mainframe: What holds the house up.

Web: What spiders make.

Web Site: Where spiders build.

Cursor: Someone who swears a lot.

Upgrade: Driving into Antigun Pass.

Sound Card: One of those birthday cards.

Netscape: When a fish gets away.

On-line: Where to hang the laundry.

Off-line: When you take the laundry down.

Eric Buzonas, PRIII

Les' blog

<http://lbovee.blogspot.com/?sref=fb>
lbovee.blogspot.com



Bobcat at entrance to DHRSP!!!

photo by Linda Hauk, PR II

Volunteer Coordinator Ranger Eric's Notes

Note #2: Just a note to say THANK YOU!! to Tom & Pam Sanor for the continued service they have provided to Arizona State Parks. Tom Sanor has given over 7000 hrs of his time & Pam has logged in just over 6000. These cumulative totals reflect selfless dedication at two of our great parks, Kartchner Caverns and Dead Horse Ranch. Tom & Pam's efforts are a pleasant reminder of honesty, integrity, and unparalleled service to others.

One vote can change a nation,
one sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes out darkness,
one laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,
one word must start a prayer.

One hope will raise our spirits,
one touch can show you care.

-Author unknown

We greatly value and respect your dedication to our State Parks system, and welcome your return next year.

Respectfully submitted, Eric

Newsletter Sign-up Sheet

Please remember to make the sign-up sheet below available to your park visitors (pick one up in the office). With our severely reduced marketing budget we need to make sure we are actively making this sign up sheet available to visitors. Although we have a large email list, we lose about 100 names monthly due to changes in people's email addresses.

Many visitors want to receive our email announcements and information, this is a way for them to voluntarily give us their contact information. Once a sheet fills up, please make sure to send it to Tye. Make sure you include your park's name on the sheet.

*Thanks, Janet Hawks,
Chief of Operations*

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Volunteer News Coming & Goings

* Tom & Pam Sanor (Coopers Hawk) left on August 1st- heading to Benson, AZ

* John & MaryLou Anderson (Quail Loop #40) leaving August 31st to their home in Lake Havasu.

Dates to Remember August

20 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday, 10 am

September

3 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday, 10 am

17 - Volunteer Meeting, Friday 10 am

25/26 - VERDE RIVER DAYS!!!!

August MileStones

1-Bernie & Teresa Munson (1972)

2-Ann Nason

4-Sandra Nelson

6-Gale Schmidt

7-Chuck & Brenda Mullins

9-JoAnn Munsell

12-John & Pat Pauly (1986)

12-Betty Lawrick

15-Sharon Munson

17-Emerson & Karen Trushel (1963)

19-Pat Pauly

22-Dave Penny

24-Robert & Sandy Nelson (1987)

25-Randy Victory

25-Betty Wolters

27-John Hoopes

Recipes

Peanut Butter & Jelly Recipe

Take peanut butter and spread it out onto a slice of bread. After this, smooth a substantial amount of your favorite jelly onto the peanut butter. Carefully place another slice of bread on top of this. Enjoy!

Thanks- Ranger Eric Buzonas

Editor Carolyn's Note:

As noted above, I have received a recipe... my question is: Is Nathan old enough for PB&J? So, I repeat, this is the last Recipe I have that has been submitted. Come-on everyone, give me your favorite dishes....

July 28th Ranger Randy Victory Takes a Biking Spill!!!



(left top) After the first ride, we went over to Frannie's house & Fort Tuthill. SUPER easy riding. If you'd have told me the day before I crashed that I'd crash exactly where I did, I probably would have said "How?!!?" I guess that's when you let your guard down. At approximately 3:00, I crashed. I still don't know what happened. (right top) Here, I'm leaning against a tree to stabilize my neck. It was a bad crash, but at this point I didn't realize just how lucky I'd been. The EMTs are about to load me onto the backboard. The pain was really starting to kick in, and they had started with the morphine, probably so I wouldn't squirm around. I had begun to realize that my ribs were starting to really hurt.

(Neck injury C 6 was fractured and 3 ribs were broken.)

So, THANK YOU everyone!!! Cat, who drove me home and brought me breakfast, everyone who's called or visited, brought me my prescriptions - Aaron (first one on the scene, and took these photos), CJ, Susan, Eric, Justin, Wally, Dad, Shannon, Joy, Frannie, Alexandria, Mira Bai, Eileen... and so many more. I'm sorry if you're not on this list, but it's just a testimony to how wonderful all my friends are. I'm the luckiest guy in the world!!!! Y'all make my life worthwhile!!!! :
Randy Victory

As bad as this looks, I'm actually grateful. Wednesday might have been my last ride. As it is, I'll be back on the bike in early September.

One last thing... I probably won't be planning to ride next Tuesday!



Nan's Notes:

Reports from
Editor Nan on the
road...

Seems all of us are enjoying(?) quirky weather this summer. Hot and no rain, followed by slightly cooler and tons of rain, then back to hot and dry. The poor plants don't know what to think. **Keith and Judi Mangels** are like the rest of us – wondering where the time has gone this summer! They are reading and doing work around the homestead, and plan to attend a grand-daughters wedding in LaCrosse, WI. The Mangels live in Iowa, not far from the Mississippi River. **Laurie Blitsch** is still camp-hosting in Idaho and keeping insanely busy with her campground duties and loads of visitors. Among them were John and Shirley Gard and Laurie's sister, Fran. Laurie has been able to visit other parks not too far away, like Jackson Hole, the Tetons and Yellowstone. She has also lost 20 pounds. Way to go, Laurie! Norm and I will be heading up to **Maryan Pharo and Jim Harris'** place this weekend for a nice long visit, as well as a break from the heat and camphosting. So will have a photo from that visit for the next issue. Maryan and Jim are keeping busy this summer as well. How come time seems to pass so much quicker at a time when we thought we'd have plenty of time to do everything? I manage a little campstore here in the park, and named it "The BIGGEST little campstore in Colorado." And I make sure nobody gets past the Schwan's Ice Cream Freezer. **Norm** takes care of all

the camphosting while I am in the store, checking in campers and letting them know about our bears and programs. **Randy Victory?** of course we are all praying for Randy and thanking our Creator that his accident wasn't as devastating as it could have been. Hang in there, Randy – our thoughts are with you. It was so good to see your smiling face after all of that. Looks to us like you were very brave!

Until next time, Happy Trails, y'all!